

Construction of the Bus Stand at Malur.

Q.—295. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether any plan and estimate have been prepared for the construction of the Bus stand at Malur ;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The work has been entrusted to P.W.D.

Estimates for the Supply of Drinking Water for Malur Town.

Q.—296. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether an estimate for proper supply of drinking water for Malur Town has been prepared ;

(b) if so, the details of the estimate and the action taken thereon ?

A.—Sri R. CHENNIGARAMIAH (Minister for Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) An estimate for Rs. 1,44,600 has been sanctioned to provide for 6" raising mains, distribution mains, construction of overhead tank of 50,000 gallons capacity, pump-house, air compressors, etc., and the work has been undertaken by the Public Works Department. An outlay of Rs. 1,20,576 has been incurred up to the end of February 1957.

Extending N.E.S. Schemes to the remaining Hoblis in Magadi Taluk.

Q.—342. Sri S. SIDDAPPA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that out of six hoblis of Magadi,

only three are having the benefit of N.E.S. Scheme ;

(b) the reasons for not extending the benefit of the above scheme to the remaining three hoblis ;

(c) when do they propose to extend the same to these three hoblis ;

(d) whether any estimate has been prepared in regard to the above scheme ;

(e) if so, the estimated expenditure thereof ;

(f) the necessary action they have taken in this behalf ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Yes.

(b) As each Block can only cover the area with a population of about 66,000, only three hoblis in the taluk are taken for the N.E.S. Scheme.

(c) The present idea is to give preference in the allotment of blocks to extend the N.E.S. Scheme to portions of taluks which are not now covered by the scheme.

(d) For each Block in the N.E.S. Scheme, a provision of rupees four lakhs for a period of three years is prepared. For older Blocks, the budget provision is four and half lakhs.

(e) *Vide* answer to (d) above.

(f) *Vide* answer to (c) above.

Scheme to Extend the area for Coccoanut and Areca Plantations.

Q.—346.—Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is any scheme to extend the area for cocoanut and areca plantation ;

(b) if so, the facilities provided for fresh plantation of cocoanut and areca ;

(c) the facilities provided to the growers for improving the production ;

(d) whether any amount either as loan or subsidy has been granted by the Government of India to this State ;

(e) if so, how the amount was utilised?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) There are the following schemes for extending the area for cocoanut and arecanut plantations :

1. Establishment of Cocoanut Nurseries in Mysore.
2. Establishment of Cocoanut Nurseries in Kumta.
3. Establishment of Cocoanut Nurseries in Coorg.
4. Establishment of Arecanut Nurseries.

In addition to the above, there are the following schemes for the Development of Cocoanut and Arecanut :

1. Establishment of Cocoanut Regional Research Station.
2. Investigation relating to Anabe Roga of Cocoanuts.
3. Investigation relating to Anabe Roga of Arecanut.
4. Arecanut Research Station, Thirthahalli, Shimoga District.
5. Investigation relating to Hidi-mundige Roga on Arecanut.

(b) Improved varieties of Cocoanut and Arecanut seedlings are being supplied at concessional rates of Re. 0-8-0 and Re. 0-2-0 per seedling respectively for fresh plantations.

(c) Besides the supply of improved seedlings, technical advice is given to ryots by the Extension Staff for adopting improved methods of cultivation, manuring and plant protection methods.

So far as plant protection methods are concerned, Rhinoceros Beetle and Anabe Roga cause a lot of damage to Cocoanut plantations. The ryots are advised about the preventive and control methods to be adopted. So far as arecanut is concerned, Koleroga is a very major disease in the Malnad.

In Malnad areas spraying with Bordeaux mixtures is advocated and the same is adopted universally. This has saved a lot of arecanut wealth in Mysore.

(d) Yes. A sum of Rs. 68,139 for the cocoanut nursery scheme (for 12 years from 1946) and Rs. 4,96,950 for the Areca Research Station (for 10 years from 1953) has been contributed by the Central Cocoanut and Arecanut Committees.

(e) This amount is utilised towards: (1) Raising quality cocoanut seedlings, and distributing to growers.

(2) Establishment of the Areca Research Station, Thirthahalli, where Research work on problems connected with the Areca Plantation is carried on besides raising quality seedlings for distribution to growers.

Officers and Officials Dismissed for Misappropriation of Money in Agricultural Department.

Q.—358. Sri M. CHIKKALINGIAH (Malavalli—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of officials and officers in the Agricultural Department that were dismissed from 1952 up-to-date;

(b) the reasons for such dismissal (detailed information may be furnished);

(c) the amount of misappropriation of money and defalcations committed by each of them;

(d) the action taken against them and the steps taken to recover the Government money?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) Ten.

(b) They were all dismissed for misappropriation of Government funds.

(c) The following amounts were involved in each of the 10 cases.

		Rs.	a.	p.
(1)	...	1,381	12	8
(2)	...	3,691	1	6
(3)	...	3,581	11	6
(4)	...	810	12	0
(5)	...	4,332	8	0
(6)	...	1,688	11	0
(7)	...	857	12	3